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The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) serves as a partner and resource for both state programs and other public and private users of HIT. OHIT provides effective HIT policies, programs and partnerships that support improved health for all Oregonians.

Statewide COVID-19 positive data flowing to Emergency Departments via EDIE

As of January 18, 2021, statewide COVID-19 positive case data are flowing into EDIE notifications across 63 Oregon hospitals and are visible in real-time through integrated EHR and other clinical workflows. At the request of and through the support of many stakeholders, OHA and Collective Medical have now initiated a daily file transfer which reports data from OHA's Oregon Pandemic Emergency Response Application (Opera), the state's COVID-19 case investigation system. The daily file indicates those individuals who have received a confirmed positive COVID-19 lab result within the past 42 days.

The COVID-19 positive result will appear at the top of the EDIE Notification report, which will trigger anytime the patient presents in an ED setting, to assist front-line providers with infection control and isolation protocols. As the case counts of COVID-19 continue to rise, protecting front-line health care workers is an essential part of COVID response efforts. This is an important example of integration between Public Health and an HIE that may help guide future high value integration opportunities.

Note: At this time, statewide COVID-19 lab results are only available to ED providers via EDIE notifications. OHA is working with HIT Commons to provide lab results to the broader Collective Platform (used by clinics, CCOs, health plans and others), pending a 2021 legislative change to the disease registry statute.

More information about this initiative and additional COVID-19 resources can be found here >

HITOC Highlights
February HITOC Meeting

The Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC) will meet February 4th to discuss 2021 priorities, such as resuming HITOC's strategic plan update work; race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REALD) provider reporting; COVID-19 and Health IT, including a presentation on the ALERT vaccine registry; Legislative Session updates; and upcoming HITOC member recruitment efforts.

HITOC meetings are open to the public. The meeting will take place on Zoom February 4, 2021, 12:30-3:30, find details to access the meeting here >

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OHA and HIT Commons Report: CCO Use of the Collective Platform

OHA/HIT Commons are pleased to share a new report assessing CCO use of the Collective Platform. The report, prepared by PSU 2020 Oregon Summer Fellow Ashley Vaughn, assesses CCO use cases and value gained from using the Collective Platform (aka PreManage). The Collective Platform is the statewide hospital event notification system, providing real-time ED, inpatient, and post-acute care Admit, Discharge, and Transfer data to connected partners, including providers, clinics, health plans, and all of Oregon's CCOs. CCO access is currently funded through an OHA state Medicaid subscription.

The report covers a variety of topics, including:

- the ways in which CCOs use the Collective Platform,
- how the Platform contributes to business operations and efficiencies, and
- potential future uses for the Platform as identified by the CCOs.

Read the report >
Learn more about the HIT Commons >

Quality measures and FHIR educational webinar

Want to learn more about how the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) standard intersects with quality measurement? OHA is partnering with OHSU's Care Management Plus team to offer a free educational opportunity, including a presentation on FHIR and electronic clinical quality measures and Q&A. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the CCO Metrics TAG page.

Meeting details and access:
February 26, 2021
2:00 - 3:00

Zoom join link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617708303?pwd=aEVXdXpjcFFsSUhBejFvYTRPRWRjUT09
Meeting ID: 161 770 8303
Passcode: 897405
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CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule

On January 15th, CMS released a final rule related to the *Reducing Provider and Patient Burden* proposed rule released on 12/10/2021 (Press Release and NPRM). The current administration has implemented a regulatory freeze on the final rule pending review. The final rule has not yet been published in the Federal Register and may include changes before becoming effective. The final rule, as released, requires certain CMS-regulated payers to improve the electronic exchange of health care data via Application Program Interfaces (APIs) and streamline the prior authorization process to reduce burden on payers, providers, and patients. This rule places new requirements on Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans, state Medicaid and CHIP fee-for-service programs, and Qualified Health Plans (QHP) issuers on the Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FFEs).

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
Program Year 2020 Update

Program Year 2020 for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is now open! The deadline to attest for 2020 is **March 31, 2021**. For more information, visit the Program Year 2020 page.

Upcoming Meetings: February 2021

Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC)

February 4, 2021
12:30 – 3:30
Meeting information >

CCO Health Information Technology Advisory Group (HITAG)

February 24, 2021
1:00 – 4:00
Meeting information >

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